

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MAY 6TH, 1931.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1931.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

In the absence of the State Treasurer, who could not attend the meeting because of the death of his sister, Mr. Gordy took up the question of equipping certain State Institutions and Buildings against fire, for which there is an appropriation of \$110,000.00 in the General Construction Loan of 1931, payable out of issue of August 15th, 1932, it being figured that if the work could be done at this time instead of waiting until the money became available, considerable saving in insurance premiums could be effected in the writing of policies which will be expiring in the next few months because of the lower rate to be charged in the new policies due to the protection against fire which the equipment provided for in the General Construction Loan of 1931 would afford.

It was decided that the Institutions to receive first consideration are the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Spring Grove State Hospital, and the State House. Mr. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent, was present, and he was requested to get together some data as to the cost of installing fire protection systems in the Institutions, to look into the question of water supply and any other items in connection with the work which would be interesting to the Board, and to report his findings at the earliest opportunity.

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The following letter from the University Hospital, Baltimore, was read and considered:

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

March 16, 1931.

Mr. J.O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
% Treasury Department,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

At the suggestion of the State Auditor's office we are enclosing herewith schedule of accounts transferred from Suspense Account to Profit & Loss in the amount of \$2,098.05, and schedule of accounts transferred from Accounts Receivable account to Profit and Loss account in the amount of \$2,983.73.

Every reasonable effort has been made to secure payment of these accounts without result and Mr. Stewart suggested that this schedule be sent to you that the Board of Public Works may issue the necessary authority to cover the charge to Profit & Loss.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W.V. Maconachy
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Ass't Superintendent-

After due consideration it was decided to approve the act of the University Hospital in charging off these accounts as uncollectible.

The following letter from the Miners Hospital, Frostburg, Maryland, was read and considered:

THE MINERS HOSPITAL
FROSTBURG, MARYLAND.

Wm. S. Gordy Jr.,
Comptroller,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. Gordy:-

I am writing this letter of information to inquire if we must first receive permission from the Governor before we can spend the unexpended balance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1930, which amounts to \$1,083.75.

We figure with this amount and enough more added, from what we have saved thus far in 1931, we can buy the Fracture Table (Kelley Koett) which we have considered buying for sometime. Should we be able to do this we would like to make requisition through the Central Purchasing

Bureau as early as possible.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Yours respectfully,

/s/ Anna Lint

Supt.

After due consideration, it was agreed that The Miners Hospital be authorized to purchase the equipment named in their letter to be paid for out of the unexpended balance in their account for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1930, supplemented by whatever additional amount is necessary out of their earnings for the fiscal year 1931.

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board the fact of the expected deficiency in the operations of the Maryland Penitentiary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1931, together with a deficiency which existed at the close of the fiscal year 1930, for which deficiencies there is included in the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1931, an appropriation of \$150,000.00.

After due consideration, it was decided that the Comptroller should take care of all obligations of the Maryland Penitentiary, as covered by their Budget for the period ending September 30, 1931, so long as they do not exceed the amount provided by the current Budget and the deficiency appropriation of \$150,000.00 available October 1, 1931, the deficiency appropriation at that date to be applied to the actual deficiency existing at the close of business September 30, 1931. It was decided that this would be better than to have the Comptroller discontinue paying obligations to the end of September 30, 1931, because of lack of available funds, the Board of Welfare having to make other arrangements to take care of the finances of the Penitentiary until the deficiency appropriation would become available.

The following letter from the Board of Welfare was read and considered:

BOARD OF WELFARE

May 4th, 1931.

Mr. J.O. McCusker, Clerk,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

The Board of Welfare has made contract with Ligon & Ligon, Baltimore, Maryland, for the water supply line for the Maryland State Penal Farm, Roxbury, Washington County, Maryland, in the sum of \$44,043.90, they being the lowest bidder.

I will ask you to approve same.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert D. Case.

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Secretary.

After due consideration, the Board approved the action of the Board of Welfare in awarding contract to Ligon & Ligon, Baltimore, as outlined in the foregoing letter.

The Comptroller took up with the Board, a question presented by the Maryland Training School for Boys, in which it was stated that because of using some of the boys at the school in the work of replacing their barn which was destroyed by fire sometime ago, and not having to go outside and employ paid labor for such work as the boys were able to do, approximately \$4,500.00 of the money received from the Insurance Companies in reimbursement for the loss by fire of the old barn, was effected. Colonel James A. Pratt, Superintendent of the school requested permission to use this \$4,500.00 in connection with reconditioning Baltimore Cottage, which work is contemplated in the General Construction Loan of 1931.

The Board agreed to the proposal of Colonel Pratt for the use of money saved on the barn in the reconditioning of Baltimore Cottage.

On Motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*General Court
Loan of 1931*

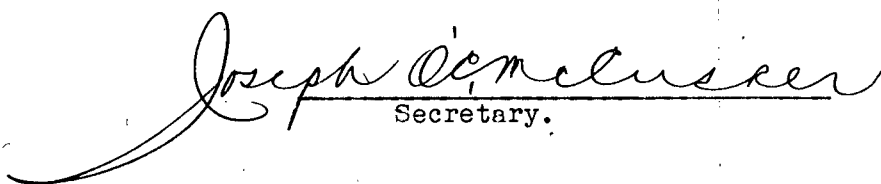
BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of 1931, Chapter 253, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News, the first insertion to bear date of July 13th, 1931, and the last insertion to bear date of August 7th, 1931, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 12th day of August, 1931, bids for bonds of the State of Maryland in the aggregate sum of \$590,000.00 to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland, for five per centum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 12th day of August 1931.

SAID BONDS shall be dated the 15th day of August, 1931, and they shall bear interest at the rate of four and one-quarter per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of February and August, respectively, during the continuance of said loan. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 15th day of August, 1931. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

THE RIGHT SHALL BE RESERVED to accept one bid for all of said loan, or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the highest amount; and the right shall also be reserved to accept bids which are for parts of said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and each bid shall be the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.